



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Collier et al.

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Group Art Unit: 3673

Serial Number: 09/830,388

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Examiner Name: S. Singh

Filing Date: August 10, 2001

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Atty Docket: COL001

For: Offshore Structure

### REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a.  Previously submitted
- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii.  Other
- b.  Enclosed
- i.  Amendment/Response
- ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declarations(s)
- iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv.  Other

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2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months: Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 04-1075.
- b.  Check in the amount of \$880.00 is enclosed
- i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii.  Other
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type): Everett G. Diederiks, Jr.

Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 33,323

Signature:

Date: February 5, 2004

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Commissioner for Patents**  
**PO Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**Dear Sir:**

Prior to examination of this continued examination application, kindly amend the application in accordance with the following particulars:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.